

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 43

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A RESOLUTION to commend The Leaf-Chronicle for 200 years of meritorious service.

WHEREAS, The Leaf-Chronicle of Clarksville, Tennessee was founded in 1808, and proudly celebrates 200 years of stalwart service to the citizens, businesses, and organizations of Clarksville-Montgomery County this year; and

WHEREAS, this historic anniversary provides us with the opportunity to reflect upon the many changes and tremendous growth and improvement that The Leaf-Chronicle has undergone over the years, such progress allowing for the delivery of news and information in print and electronic formats to tens of thousands of readers each day; and

WHEREAS, a cornerstone of the Clarksville-Montgomery County community, The Leaf-Chronicle has been and continues to be a staunch supporter of the First Amendment and the people's right to know the truth, an able watchdog of local government and elected leaders, and a faithful chronicler of daily life in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Leaf-Chronicle has truly been blessed with many outstanding leaders and employees during its distinguished history, including Publisher Emeritus Gene Washer, who devoted his sterling forty-five-year career to the stewardship of the newspaper and to the improvement of the community; and

WHEREAS, The Leaf-Chronicle presently enjoys the inspired leadership of Andrew Oppmann, Publisher and President; and

WHEREAS, The Leaf-Chronicle has made and continues to make immeasurable contributions to the greater good by enhancing the knowledge, education, health, and welfare of its readership each day; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Leaf-Chronicle, along with its exemplary and hardworking leadership and staff, for 200 years of responsible and innovative journalism combined with faithful service to the good people of Clarksville and Montgomery County and urge all Tennesseans to recognize this excellent newspaper's many valuable contributions to this State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.